

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to cancel Claims 1-14 and add new Claims 15-33 as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

15. (New) A housing for a cabinet-like household appliance, comprising a body and at least one door, which is connected to the body in a manner that enables it to swivel due to the provision of at least one first and one second multiple-articulation hinge, wherein the door is supported on an upper supporting surface of the first multiple-articulation hinge and a lower supporting surface of the second multiple-articulation hinge by means of at least one shim inserted between the door and at least one of the supporting surfaces.

16. (New) The housing according to claim 15, wherein a plurality of shims is inserted between the supporting surfaces and the door.

17. (New) The housing according to claim 15, wherein the supporting surfaces are arranged on a support element which is disposed on the hinge arm of the first and second multiple-articulation hinge which is coupled to the door.

18. (New) The housing according to claim 15, wherein the shims have a rectangular basic outline and are made of a plastic injection molding.

19. (New) The housing according to claim 15, wherein a heat-insulating body of the door is arranged between the supporting surfaces of the multiple-articulation hinge and the multiple-articulation hinges are concealed behind edge sections of the door projecting over the body.

20. (New) The housing according to claim 15, wherein an outer wall of the door is formed by a glass pane.

21. (New) The housing according to claim 15, wherein the supporting surface is connected to the door by means of at least one screw on at least one of the multiple-articulation hinges.

22. (New) The housing according to claim 21, wherein the screw extends through an oblong hole of the supporting surface.

23. (New) The housing according to claim 22, wherein the oblong hole is aligned parallel to the door.

24. (New) The housing according to claim 23, wherein the multiple-articulation hinge has a first lug connected to the supporting surface and the door has a second lug opposite to the first lug which is aligned perpendicular to the alignment of the oblong hole and is provided with holes for receiving a screw which are aligned to one another.

25. (New) The housing according to claim 24, wherein one of the holes is a tapped hole.

26. (New) The housing according to claim 24, wherein the other hole is a vertically aligned oblong hole.

27. (New) The housing according to claim 24, wherein the second lug is a part of a component screwed onto the door.

28. (New) The housing according to claim 27, wherein the shims are dimensioned so as to extend as far as between the component and the door when mounted between the supporting surface of one multiple-articulation hinge and the door.

29. (New) A refrigerator comprising:
a housing including a body and a door;
first and second multiple-articulation hinges coupling the door to the body
in a manner that enables the door to swivel, wherein the door is supported with an upper
supporting surface of the first multiple-articulation hinge and a lower supporting surface
of the second multiple-articulation hinge; and
at least one shim removably inserted between the door and one of the
supporting surfaces permitting the door to be adjusted in a vertical direction with respect
to the body.

30. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 29, further comprising a
plurality of shims removably inserted between the supporting surfaces and the door, the
position of the door with respect to the body being adjustable in a vertical direction in
response to the number of shims disposed between the supporting surfaces and the door.

31. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 29, further comprising a
mounting bracket coupled between the first multiple-articulation hinge and the door and
permitting the door to be adjusted in a horizontal direction with respect to the body.

32. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 31, wherein the mounting
bracket comprises:
a support element connected to the first multiple-articulation hinge and
including the support surface and a lug having a first tapped hole;
an angled element having a vertical leg disposed adjacent the lug and a
horizontal leg being disposed substantially co-planar with the support surface;
a first set screw extending through the vertical leg and threadedly
engaging the first tapped hole, the position of the door with respect to the body being
continuously adjustable in the horizontal direction in response to rotation of the first set
screw.

33. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 32, wherein the vertical leg of the angled element includes a second tapped hole, a second set screw threadedly engaging the second tapped hole and extending beyond the angled element to contact a surface of the lug, the position of the door with respect to the body being continuously adjustable in the horizontal direction in response to rotation of the second set screw.